

III. REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 10, 23 and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-15, 20-23 and 26 are pending in this application. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b) because the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance as discussed below; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of April 23, 2007, with their representative, Hunter E. Webb. No proposed amendment was submitted in advance of the interview. In the interview, Applicants' representative proposed that an amendment to the outputting to specify that the outputting is from the image buffer would satisfy the Examiner's concerns that the outputting may occur wholly within the image buffer. Applicants' representative also proposed that an amendment including a memory would solve the Examiner's concerns with respect to claim 10. Further, the Examiner proposed claim language that would overcome the rejection with regard to the preamble of claim 23. The Examiner agreed with

Applicants' representative that the amendments that are incorporated herein would help to bring the claimed invention toward allowability.

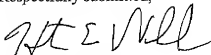
In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 10-15, 22-23 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to unpatentable subject matter. For example, the Office expresses concern that, as claimed, the outputting of the claimed invention can occur wholly within the image buffer. Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 23 and 26 to recite "...outputting the rotated image from the image buffer," or the like. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim overcomes the Office's concerns, while including such actions as displaying, printing, storing, etc., the rotated image. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In response to the Office's other rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101, Applicants have amended claim 10 to include "...a memory having an image rotation module." Still further, Applicants have amended claim 26 to include "[a] computer readable medium having a stored computer program product for processing a first image in an image buffer." Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments further direct the invention to statutory subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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